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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0656]

Annual Marine Events in the Eighth Coast Guard District,
Sabine River; Orange, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulations for the S.P.O.R.T. Power Boat Neches River in Orange, TX from 3 p.m. on September 21, 2012, through 6 p.m. on September 23, 2012. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of the participants, crew, spectators, participating vessels, non-participating vessels and other users of the waterway. During the enforcement period no person or vessel may enter the zone established by the Special Local Regulation without permission of the Captain of the Port (COTP) Port Arthur or his designated on-scene Patrol Commander.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 100.801(60) will be enforced from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on September 21, 2012; and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 22 and 23, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on

this notice of enforcement, call or e-mail Mr. Scott Whalen. U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, TX; telephone 409-719-5086, e-mail scott.k.whalen@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulation for the annual SPORT Boat Races in 33 CFR 100.801(60) on September 21, 2012, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on September 22 and 23, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 100.801, a vessel may not enter the regulated area, unless it receives permission from the Captain of the Port or his designated on-scene Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may safely transit outside the regulated area but may not anchor, block, loiter, or impede participants or official patrol vessels. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other federal, state or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 CFR 100.801 and 33 U.S.C. 1233. In addition to this notice in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with notification of this enforcement

period via Local Notice to Mariners, Marine Information Broadcasts, and Marine Safety Information Bulletins.

If the Captain of the Port or his designated on-scene Patrol Commander determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, he or she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: July 18, 2012

G. J. Paitl
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Port Arthur

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